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Help in drug poisoning crisis needs community approach

JAMES MATTHEWS
Staff Reporter

Public health officials and community partners have banded together to get a clearer picture of drug use trends and the current drug poisoning crisis.

Kate Hall, a health promoter at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Public Health Unit (HKPR), said the current drug poisoning crisis is a complex community health issue fuelled by unregulated synthetically produced opioids contaminated by other substances.

"The drug poisoning crisis is really characterized by unprecedented data," she said when the public health unit's board met Oct. 17.

Health Canada data from 2023 shows that most drug overdose deaths occurred in British Columbia, Alberta, and in Ontario. Men aged 20 years to 59 years old were most greatly affected.

"Fentanyl was involved in most of these deaths, often mixed with stimulants," Hall said.

The impacts of the crisis obviously affects the drug user. But there are ripples felt by family, friends, and communities.

"The situational assessment report really could be used to further conversations in the community about ways to collaborate to reduce drug poisonings and deaths," she said.

A four-pillar approach has been adopted to meet the recent spike in drug poisoning incidents in Haliburton County, Northumberland County, and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

This approach to addressing the drug poisoning crisis has gained credibility by public health agencies throughout Ontario. The pillars are prevention, treatment and recovery, harm reduction, and community safety.

Integrated comprehensive treatment programs are required to effectively meet the crisis. That includes social services connections with all levels of health care professions.

Hall likened that to an "all of society approach" to the crisis.

Vidya Sunil, an epidemiologist at HKPR, said hospitalizations for drug overdoses and poisonings increased in 2021 in the region and again slightly in 2023.

Even though there's a rate increase, she said the numbers are small.

The number of deaths increased from 2018 with the highest number in 2021. That year saw a high of eight deaths in Haliburton County. There's been none so far this year, according to a graph of information provided by Ontario's chief coroner and presented during the board meeting.

Opioid deaths rose between 2018 and 2023 to a 205 death total over those six years. The deadliest years was 2021 with 50 deaths. Fentanyl was present in 86 per cent of those deaths in the health unit's jurisdiction.

Of morbidity and mortality incidents in 2023 in the HKPR region, Haliburton County made up four per cent of emergency department visits, six per cent of hospitalizations, and no deaths.

Most respondents to a drug use survey indicated that they used illicit drugs daily or more than once a week.

Of people surveyed with drug use experience, the most common method to ingest drugs was smoking. The relative few who indicated injection as the favour means of ingestion, more than two thirds

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Small business week kicks off

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

It's a celebration of successes for all the small businesses in our community.

Oct. 21 marks the start of Small Business Week in Haliburton County, and Amanda Conn, the executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, looks forward to spending the week acknowledging and honouring the businesses that make our community tick.

With over 270 small businesses in the county, Conn recognizes that these entrepreneurs are absolutely crucial in developing the community as a destination for both visitors and locals alike. "Small businesses are essential in Haliburton County," said Conn. "Our small businesses are the county's life blood."

The week kicked off with a meet and greet, hosted at Dominion Hotel in Minden, and sponsored by the BDC. The focus of the networking event was to connect like-minded individuals in the small business community.

The next event is scheduled for Oct. 23 at the Link in Haliburton, and is a free session focusing on bookkeeping for entrepreneurs.

The week will wrap up with the annual Community and Business Achievement Awards and Gala at the Haliburton Legion on Oct. 25. "We are super excited about the gala this year," said Conn, noting that there are several new categories and awards this year, highlighting small businesses in the area.

One award she is particularly proud of is the newly featured "established business of the year" nod. "We honour new business of the year each year," said Conn, "but this is an opportunity to look at the businesses that have been around for a long time."

Gala tickets are still available and can be purchased by visiting haliburtonchamber.com.

"Such a huge percentage of our employers, of our economy, are small businesses," said Conn. "It's nice to set aside a little time each year to celebrate them."

Under the Moonlight
The full moon in October, known as the "Hunter's Moon" was in full form this past week over Head Lake. /ADAM FRISK special to the *Echo*

Battle against drug poisoning seems futile: board member

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reported that they have reused injection equipment in the last six months.

The stimulant of choice is crystal meth, while the more favoured depressant was indicated to be fentanyl.

Regarding identified local needs, 71 per cent of users surveyed indicated the greatest community support strategy would be having a safe place to live. Most wanted drug testing kits to increase harm reduction from drug use.

Cecil Ryall, Haliburton County's representative on the board, said any percentage of drug abuse is not good, unless it's zero per cent.

"For those of us in areas where we're trying to fight this battle there appears to be a non-winning battle," Ryall said. "It would be nice to be able to show that there is progress in the war."

Haliburton County is beginning to immerse deeper into the fourth pillar that is community involvement. The county is forming a new OPP board of representatives from the four lower tier municipalities.

"Part of that is going to be related to how to assist the police with this kind of stuff," he said. "Any information that we can get that would give them some insight as to where we can do that and the trends that are being set, if that's on the dashboard that would be great."

Hall said people with lived experience should be meaningfully engaged for input into a plan of action and in decisions about programs and services.

There's a need for advocacy toward a provincial drug strategy task force to focus on a province-wide response to the drug poisoning crisis.

There's also a need for real-time data on drug poisonings, she said.

Real time data would tailor a community response on a provincial and community level that's more prescient.

"Evidence shows that harm reduction is really a pathway for people to access other services," Hall said. "We have really great relationships through outreach directly with people in the community. That's part of the continuum of care."

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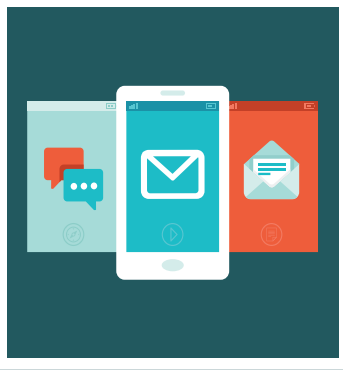

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Here for the housing; how summit number three wants to add pressure

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

While housing continues to be a topic of discussion amongst many round tables throughout the county, Fay Martin wants to add pressure to the progress.

Following the two successful housing summits in 2018 and 2023, the third one is slated for Oct. 24 at the Minden Community Centre. "We are setting it up like a report card of progress for Haliburton County," said Martin, who will be chairing the event, and has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing across the county for decades.

The full-day event will follow the same format as previous years, hosting both speakers from afar who are implementing "outside the box" strategies to housing crises across the province, as well as locals who are either faced with housing woes, or doing their part to aid in the problems that arise on the homefront.

In light of the event being the third in a series of successful summits, Martin hopes to use the day to highlight what progress has been made, and where it has fallen flat. "We can do a comparison year over year," she said, "to see the situations where we are continuing to grow, as well as looking forward to where we're going."

One of the hot topics that Martin hopes will arise from the day is the streamlining of zoning between municipalities and the county. At past summits, it was noted that homebuilders ran into an abundance of "red tape" when it came to getting approval for builds, or alternative options such as granny suites or bunkies on the property. Martin hopes that there can be some consideration in place when it comes to both simplifying as well as streamlining the process for builders to move forward in a safe and productive manner.

Other topics that will be discussed at the coming summit are items such as densification, waste water management to multi-unit builds, and childcare as a need that can potentially be tied to housing in the area.

Martin has also invited Habitat for Humanity to speak to their ongoing projects, as well as a the dean from Haliburton School of Art + Design, Xavier Masse, who will answer questions about the current development of student housing on their property at College Drive in Haliburton. "The student housing is a part of the solution," said Martin. "It begs the question of whether the places the students lived before would suddenly open up for others to live in the community."

This year's summit will be done in collaboration with the County of Haliburton, which allows Gary Dyke, the county's CAO, to speak to some of the ongoing concerns that crop up when it comes to housing in the area. Martin hopes that by partnering with the county, it will continue to spark conversation around housing, and keep it at the forefront of discussion as developments continue to take shape.

The 2024 Housing Summit is set for Oct. 24 at the Minden Community Centre, and runs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided, but must be confirmed by contacting Martin at fay@placesforpeople.ca. The event is free to attend.

They shoot, they score!

The junior JDH Jaguars soccer team faced off against the ASES Wildcats this past week in Minden. Their next tournament is set for Fenelon Falls this week. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

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Lakeview Motel and Resort; ‘home sweet home’ for owners

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

The Lakeview team, with Jag and Harsha in the front. Harsha says the staff feel like family at the establishment. /DAVID ZILSTRA staff

With mid-October temperatures just scraping above the freezing point, pulling into the Lakeview Motel and Resort parking lot is a welcome haven.

As the orange-tinted leaves swirl through the gray skies, a young buck crossed in front of the Lakeview door, shadowing the warm glow of the entryway behind his molting fur.

After passing by the juvenile deer, and thinking to myself, ‘what’s more Haliburton than saying ‘excuse me’ to a deer as I start an interview?’, I head into the dining area of Lakeview; a room that’s filled with heat from a wood stove and decorative autumnal touches.

I am there to meet Harsha Manani and Jag Shrimali. The family members have been the driving forces of Lakeview since they took ownership of the establishment in 2021; the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It was all Jag’s idea,” laughed Harsha, referring to her uncle who sits across the table from us. “He wanted to get back into the hospitality industry.”

Jag originally hails from India, where he managed a series of large-scale hotels in urban centres across the country. “He knows restaurants, he knows hospitality,” said Harsha. “He’s what you would call an ‘all-rounder.”

Jag and his family came to Canada 15 years ago, “when I still had hair,” he chuckled, patting his head. They had settled in the Toronto area, but knew he wanted to continue to work in the hospitality industry, and when the opportunity came up to purchase Lakeview, he knew it was the right fit. “There are so many positive things here,” he said. “This is home sweet home.”

The Lakeview Motel and Resort was previously run by John and Holly McDonald of Haliburton. They worked diligently to create a safe and warm lodging environment for everyone, including essential workers throughout the pandemic. After 19 years of management, the couple decided it was time to retire, and Jag’s son, Manmit Shrimali, saw an opportunity for their family to grow there.

At the time, Harsha had not necessarily worked in the hospitality industry. Originally coming from a small village called Lutterworth in England, she grew up helping her parents at their local grocery store, which her family ran for 35 years. “I remember as a child, going and delivering groceries for my family,” she recalled. “Customer service was really embedded in us.”

She went to school for applied biology, and was interested in working in pharmaceutical sales, but was required to have some sales experience before getting into the field, which prompted her to start working in a call centre. “I started to really like it,” she said. “I really loved connecting with people.”

Harsha came to Canada 24 years ago, where she continued her pursuit of a career in pharmaceutical sales, but was once again knocked down, this time requiring Canadian sales experience before launching into a job. “That was something that was very hard as an immigrant,” she said.

She was able to start her own business, and continued connecting with people for 13 years, at which point, she was approached by her uncle, Jag, to see if she would be interested in partnering up for the Lakeview endeavour. “When we were driving up to see the property, we drove past a sign that said ‘Lutterworth,’” Harsha smiled, reflecting back on her tiny hometown of Lutterworth, England. “I thought to myself, ‘this must be it.’”

“And now, I honestly love what I do,” she said. “It’s really second nature to us. Connecting with people and customer service. I love it.”

“We are always talking talking talking,” said Jag. “We are always trying our best to think about what customers want.”

And they are excelling. During the interview, while we were nestled away in the fire-lit dining room, a couple came in who had just stayed the evening in the newly built eco-dome on the property.

They walked into the office area, and started speaking with Harsha and Jag like they were old friends. While I listened, I assumed they had known each other for years. In reality, they had just met the day before. But the Lakeview owners have that effect on guests. Every guest on the property is not treated as a client, they are treated as family.

And they don’t limit themselves to the Lakeview property. For Harsha and Jag, all of Haliburton County is home. “The local people are so talented,” said Harsha. “We believe we have so, so much beauty here that we can showcase it.”

The front lobby of Lakeview is a destination unto itself; the walls lined with tourist experiences and local business offerings available to anyone who enters. “I like to give guests a personal itinerary for their stay here,” smiled Harsha. “I like to see ourselves as ambassadors of Haliburton and everything it has to offer.”

During my short visit, she sent people to local restaurants, highlighted coffee shops, and directed visitors to small businesses in the area. They truly love and appreciate the community, and everything it has to offer.

This warmth extends to their own staff; a small but mighty team, who Harsha deemed “a family”. “They come to work smiling and they leave work smiling,” she said, beaming with gratitude as she spoke.

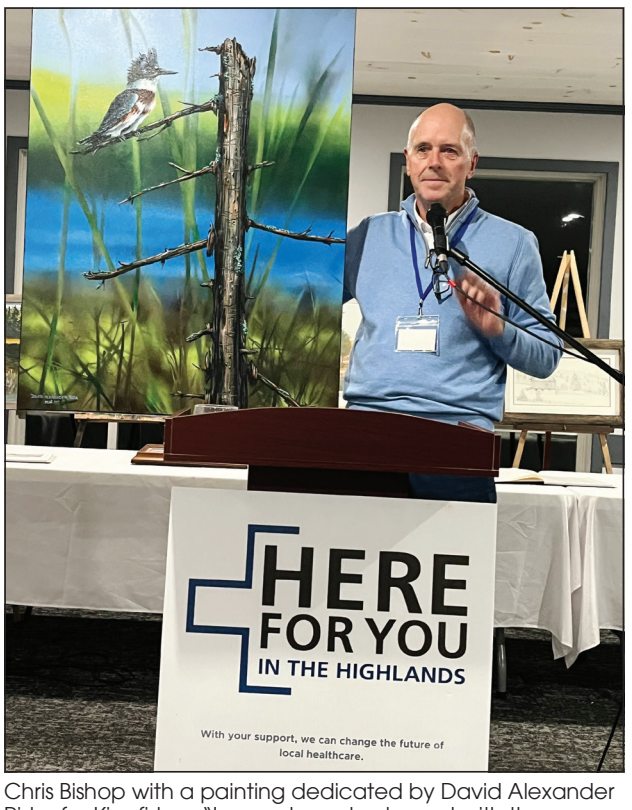
Jag shared in Harsha’s love for connecting with people. “I try to make everyone laugh,” he beamed. “That’s just in my nature. Everything brings joy.”

After only being in business together since 2021, the Lakeview owners were honoured with a customer service award during the 2023 Chamber of Commerce awards gala last October. Online, their reviews are consistently positive, with visitors praising the service, cleanliness, and overall warmth of the establishment, and the people behind it.

“People are so fascinating,” said Harsha, as the leaves continued to swirl outside, reflecting on the three years of building, growth, and changing. “I just love what we do.”

Arts Extravaganza for HHHS

The first Arts Extravaganza was held at Sir Sam’s Ski and Ride on Oct. 19. Below, Melanie Klodt Wong, HHHSF executive director, with Don Popple and Chris Bishop stand with an original Ethel Curry painting, which was donated by the Popple family to raise money for digital imaging equipment at HHHS. /DAVID ZILSTRA staff



Chris Bishop with a painting dedicated by David Alexander Risk of a Kingfisher. “I am extremely pleased with the heartwarming support and generosity of so many individuals to make this event a great success,” said Bishop.

Through both a silent auction and a non-silent auction, over $60,000 was raised for digital imaging equipment for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

County gets input on STR bylaw and its tax

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Public engagement regarding the municipal accommodation tax yielded a trove of opinion from people who took part in a public survey.

The municipal accommodation tax (MAT) took effect Oct. 1 as part of the new short-term rental (STR) bylaw in Haliburton County and its four lower tier townships. The tax applies to STR booking placed after Oct. 1.

The tax is parsed so that half of the money raised stays within the respective township and the other half will go toward county-created municipal services corporation and used to fund such efforts as tourism marketing.

Much of the past year has been spent honing the STR bylaw and the associated MAT by way of discussion at the lower and upper tier levels.

Public engagement was conducted through three virtual meetings held in July and August, with a wide range of tourism stakeholders and members of the public in attendance. Feedback was received from about 30 stakeholders and will guide the creation of the municipal services corporation.

A public survey was also posted on the county's Wade In online platform and as many as 80 responses were generated.

Feedback was also received through other forms of communication, including email, phone calls and in-person conversations.

The county's Department of Economic Development and Tourism efforts to reach out to the public is a legislative requirement on the way to the corporation's creation.

Tourism stakeholders who were residents of Haliburton County provided the lion's share of responses to the survey. And of those, accommodators were the primary respondent.

The survey generated the occasional bit of vitriol against the MAT from people who charged that it's nothing but a cash grab, a tax grab that punishes STR operators. They say that the tax shows a bias on the part of elected councillors against STR owners in favour of hotels and motels, campgrounds, lodges, and trailer parks.

In mix there was also hope that the revenue stream would be used properly and that good things might come from it.

Respondents felt the new corporation should focus on supporting festivals and events; tourism infrastructure such as parks, trails, and signage; and programming to take place outside the summer tourism season;

As economic development priorities, respondents suggested priorities include workforce development, transportation, and ways to draw outside investment to the county.

"In an area where tourism is such a major component of economic development in general, the two should be kept separate in the sense that the tourism budget should not go to other forms of economic development, even if they are related in terms of the overall economy," wrote one anonymous respondent.

"I think it's very important to keep the tourism initiatives moving forward and not sacrifice them for other economic development projects."

Questions were broached about how the county and its townships would enforce the STR bylaw and the MAT. One respondent suggested the tax be used to fund a live telephone line "that actually picks up on weekends."

Another said that there are not enough bylaw enforcement officers to complement the system.

"The MAT will stifle tourism in our county," a respondent wrote. "Another tax is just another form of over taxing a population that is already overtaxed."

One respondent implored the county to restore tourism as its top priority toward economic development. That will enable local business to see results of economic development through revenue generation as opposed to revenue from taxation.

In line with that was the suggestion that the county would benefit more by indirectly supporting tourism.

"For example, using these (MAT) funds for a daycare centre or summer camp would lead to more people being available in the workforce while at the same time enriching lives for local children and families," the writer contends. "As a local employer, I see child-care requirements forcing many people out of full-time work."

> ***"I think it's very important to keep the tourism initiatives moving forward and not sacrifice them for other economic development projects.***
>
> — Anonymous survey respondent

It was suggested that using MAT funds to beef up enforcement of shoreline protection bylaws would be prudent as the region's natural assets lure many tourists to the area.

"Adding the MAT tax to STRs (the county's largest accommodation provider and largest generator of tourist spending in the local economy) is ludicrous and puts the county at a competitive disadvantage," reads another survey response.

Another commenter indicated full support for the MAT on STRs. They said the tax will benefit all tourism operations if used to properly market the region as a destination.

There are also pleas to use all of the new revenue stream to improve basic infrastructure in the county.

"A community pool to better health and wellness, playgrounds, and splash pads inclusive for all mobility abilities," reads one. "There should be a tangible improvement to our community. The funds should not be spent on additional marketing or private companies. We need to see these funds injected to the year-round community."

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The Reid House at the Haliburton Museum stands tall amongst the yellowing leaves of Glebe Park. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Editorial

Harnessing hope

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MANY OF us grew up watching romantic comedies that had a way of idealizing small businesses.

The young store owner who would amble into her whimsically decorated shop at whichever hour suits her fancy, after she pops in to get her caramel macchiato at Starbucks wearing her Doc Martens.

Now don't get me wrong, I love this Meg Ryan portrayal as much as anyone.

But this interpretation of a small business owner is far from the truth.

Entrepreneurs - particularly in rural areas - spend a lot of their time treading water to try to stay afloat. We're a small town that is almost entirely dependent on tourism dollars coming into the crevices of our community. These visitors hold the power to either make or break a day, a week, or a year for every and any small business owner.

When the unpredictable nature of our economy goes sour, the sweetness of running a small business can quickly turn stale.

Amanda Conn, the executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, referred to small businesses as the "life blood" of our community. And she's not wrong.

Small businesses are the drivers that encourage folks to flock to our town.

The opportunity to pick up something wonderful and whimsical from a small shop, to sample the local cuisine at any of the restaurants or cafes, to experience the Haliburton Highlands from a diehard advocate for tourism; these are features that make our community stand out from the rest.

And the beauty of small businesses is that they're created by people we know. The shops in our town are run by our neighbours, our friends, our family. They're the places where we recognize the regulars, and celebrate the past, the present, and the future.

But they're not all fun and games. While they are the heart and soul of our little village, they are fighting every day to stay afloat. While some days may be booming, there may be others where owners don't see a single face. I know many friends who have had days like that; instead of ambling into the shop with a zest for life, they trudge home, feeling like a failure.

You can't always be a Meg Ryan character from a 1990s film.

That's why it's important to celebrate them. And not just this week; the week of the year set aside to celebrate their successes. But every day, every season, every week, every year.

While there are a wide variety of small businesses in our community, each and every small business owner has one thing in common: they started that business with a dream, an idea, a vision. They saw this community for what it is, and thought they could make it a little brighter in some way. They believed in their dream, their idea, their vision enough to bring it to life.

Doesn't every small business owner deserve a medal for harnessing that hope?

Because it's that hope that brings our community to life. The heart and soul of this place we call home.

So with that, I wish a very happy Small Business Week to each and every entrepreneur who has had a dream in our community. And if you do not run a small business, be sure to get out and support local.

Because we all need each other to keep our community afloat.

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Letting go

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THEY AWOKE to a riot of colour. It shouted from the window, calling them to come look outside and decide whether or not they wanted more. Reds exploded against green, golds thundered beneath blue the colour of baby's eyes and everywhere light held the world in its warm embrace.

How could they have slept in? How could they have missed a second of this beauty that even now, after being ignored, held no hard feelings and still beckoned them to join it outdoors?

"What? It's that time?" moaned Tom as though searching for someone to blame. He looked around the cottage. Dirty mugs and glasses decorated the table tops, crumbs and small damp circles littered the tiny kitchen counter. The door was impassable, blockaded by shoes and rubber boots. And the air felt heavy and stale as though too many bodies had stayed cramped too long.

But through the big window overlooking the lake, the world was sparkling in sunshine, golden in its confidence of fresh starts and new beginnings.

As Sarah made a big pot of coffee, Tom got to work clearing away the reminders of the previous night. Unlike the state of the cottage, he didn't appear to have suffered too badly from the riotous night before that saw cousins, siblings and friends squeeze into a space too small.

But small or not, the company had been most congenial. Not to mention down-right raucous as the problems of the world were dissected and then solved. And the music kept the energy going and the drinks flowing. Fortunately by the end of the night everyone was steady enough to walk back to their own abodes, though Tom wondered how some made it under their own steam.

Coffee now ready and poured, they threw on their jackets and headed outside. The deck chairs were damp so Sarah gave them a quick wipe with paper towels before they sat down. The lake sparkled, the blue jays called and while the world around them shone in the bright sunlight, Tom was just glad he didn't have a sore head or upset stomach. Sarah was pretty quiet and he wondered if maybe she was faring worse.

This was probably their last time at the cottage until May. Though of course with climate change and milder winters, they couldn't be sure. But the old place was never designed for the cold months so it would have to be pretty mild for them to return before spring.

It had been a great season, Tom reflected, casting his mind back to all the things that made these stays so memorable, year after year. Watching the grand kids learn to fish, hiking along the old deer path or just sitting with their heads cranked back, looking up at the milky way. So many years, so many memories piling one on top of the other.

Little changed. The cottage was a constant in their lives and while Sarah wasn't raised there, she and Tom had been together for long enough that she sometimes felt she had been. And truth be told, Tom didn't want to leave. The city was another planet to him now. The grey concrete, the congestion, the fear. It wasn't the same city he had known in the past.

There was a pair of cardinals that had discovered the bird feeders this summer and they were there now. Matching the maples beside the deck, they painted a scene of colour and light while chickadees waited in the wings for their turn. Again Tom wanted to capture this moment, this scene and hold it as long as he could.

It looked as though today was going to be a classic autumn day and he hoped to make it last. So after a late breakfast, the two of them strolled down the cottage road for a final walk. By now Sarah was feeling slightly better and she knew the walk would help. As Tom said a walk in the woods cured just about anything.

A breeze sent more colour cascading to the ground. Walking through this carpet, Tom was reminded of all the tiny creatures sheltering there. Winter was coming.

points of view

Carrot and stick

steve galea

Loon Tales

NOT THAT long ago I watched a video where a dog was stranded on a treacherous mud flat. Rescuers couldn't get to it. Luckily, someone had the bright idea of hanging a sausage-like meat from a drone and using it to lure the dog safely out of danger. I was happy to see that this worked perfectly.

On the other hand, I was also horrified to see this worked perfectly.

You see, I am old enough to realize that for every good use of technology, there is an evil one too.

For instance, I could easily be led astray by someone hanging a good chocolate bar, just out of reach, from a drone. You're probably thinking that I would at some point realize that I was being led astray, and you'd be right. But, if it were an Aero Bar, it wouldn't matter. My free will would no longer be my own.

Look, I'm not proud of this. But I have rationalized it by remembering that even superheroes have weaknesses. Superman is susceptible to Kryptonite. Batman gets weak in the knees when Cat Woman is around. I assume the Ninja Turtles are slow at crossing roads too.

For me, it's Aero Bars.

I am fairly certain that someone with a drone and an Aero Bar suspended just out of reach could get me to walk a tightrope over a deep volcanic chasm.

Again, I'm not proud of this. But I also recognize that this is who I am.

I understand fully that I would never get the Aero Bar – the first time. But I also subscribe to the "Fool me once" theory. So, the second time I would be ready.

I'm not saying that I would use a slingshot to shoot down a rescue drone hanging an Aero Bar. But I will say that sometimes accidents happen, and you can always send another drone – and Aero Bar.

Which is to say, I used to look at drones as malevolent entities that clutter our skies and invade our privacy. Now, however, I also look at them as potential sources of food in a survival situation.

And that's a positive.

Despite my disdain of drones, you must give credit to the drone operator. It was actually a brilliant idea and a great use of the technology. And it took some precision flying to lead the dog out of the mud flat to safer ground.

You also need to give credit to the local butcher. For he or she is the person who actually provided the most important component. That person had to know a thing or two about what is tempting to a dog and what product is aerodynamic and within the drone's payload capacity.

Without that sort of expertise that rescue mission would have never got off the ground.

I also can't help but think that this was great for their self esteem. Because, in my mind, butchers are the unsung heroes of society. They work tirelessly to provide clean cuts of delicious meat to feed the masses. They do this with very little fanfare or muss or fuss.

I can only imagine how happy the butcher that was chosen to help must have felt when they were asked to provide the ideal product for the rescue operation.

I bet they jumped up in the air and yelled, "Hot dog!"

pic *of the* past

Front row, from left to right Jacqueline Henderson, Ruth Curry, Joyce Pearson, Yvonne Dean, Joan MacDonald, Jacqueline Robertson, Joyce Vickery and Joan Bishop. Second row, from left to right Gerald Irish, Pat Bishop, Bonnie Mitchell, Flora Luna, Dorothy Rinne, Emily Hoxie and Doris Wilkinson. Third row, from left to right Glen Fairey, Bertram Douglas, Miss Tizzard, Teacher, Don Feir, Beatrice Daniels, Myrtle Harvie, behind teacher. /FILE

The HHSS Interact club back up and running

The month of October is our We Scare Hunger Month.

The first week was Chilling Challenge week. We encouraged students to bring in non-perishable food items to reach goals that required teachers to fulfill certain challenges.

The second week was our Spooky Snack week. The Interact members were selling spooky-grams at the T during lunch for one dollar. On Friday, cotton candy was sold for two dollars!

This week is Dracula's Draw week. People can donate money or non-perishable food items in exchange for ballots in the draw.

Finally, Trunk or Treat will be happening during Halloween at Head Lake Park. Community members are encouraged to bring and donate canned food and goods.

All of the donations and money collected will go to our local food banks.

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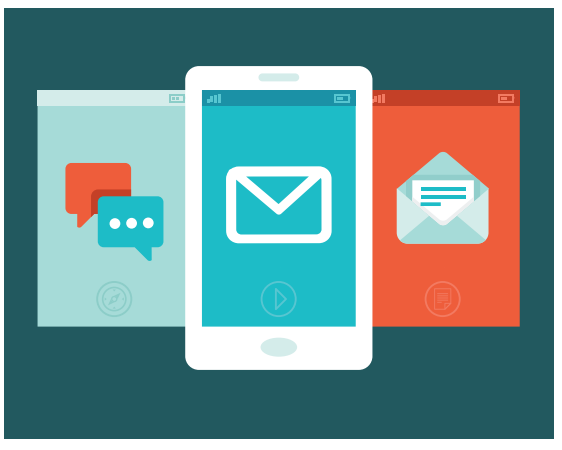

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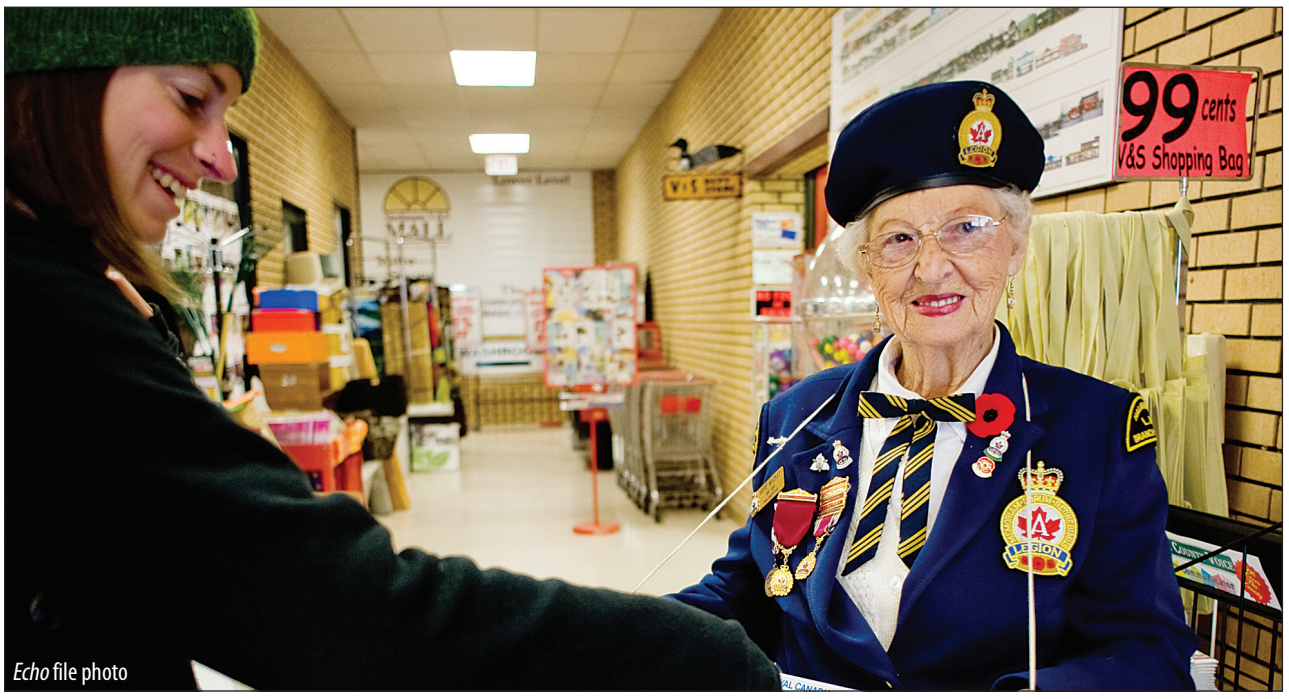
The 'powerful symbol' of the Poppy



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EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

A symbol of respect. A symbol of honour. A symbol for peace.

It's that time of year where felted Poppies don the lapels of passerby, and remembering comes to the forefront once again.

"The Poppy is a symbol of the service men and women who never came home," said Christina Briggs, the chair of the Poppy Campaign for Branch 129 at the Haliburton Legion. "They made the ultimate sacrifice."

The campaign lasts from Oct. 25 until Remembrance Day on Nov. 11, and includes boxes of Poppies dropped off at local businesses, as well as a series of individuals canvassing around the community. Briggs noted that many assume you need to be a member of the Legion to canvas, but in reality that is not the case. "We will take anyone who wants to help," she said.

And if standing outside to hand out Poppies does not seem doable, Briggs said there are many other volunteer opportunities with the campaign. "A lot goes on behind the scenes that people don't realize," she said. "It's more than just standing outside. There is stuff to do before, during, and after the campaign. There is a lot of flexibility for when you can help."

At the Legion, Briggs has a full chart laid out in front of her. On it, she has individual businesses and time slots mapped out; each with a square and a date planned for canvassing. Briggs must figure out who can volunteer and where, as well as a plan for refilling boxes, and managing Poppy supplies over the duration of the campaign.

When asked about the difference between canvassing versus placed boxes in businesses with the Poppies, Briggs noted that having someone there in person often gets the messaging across with that intended act of Remembrance. "The presence of somebody standing there can really make an impact," she said.

One hundred per cent of the proceeds from the Poppy Campaign goes into the Poppy Trust Fund, which is designed to help veterans and their families with basic necessities and support. The Poppy is a registered trademark of the Royal Canadian Legion, which is done to safeguard the image as a symbol of Remembrance. It cannot be used without authorization, and any unauthorized uses of the Poppy outside of Legion use is illegal.

"To me, personally, the Poppy is a matter of respect," said Briggs. "My grandfather was enlisted. A cousin of mine served in Iraq. These are the people stepping up."

Those interested in volunteering for this year's Poppy Campaign can call the Haliburton Legion at 705-457-2571. Briggs shared that there are many roles available for those willing to help, and being a part of such a campaign is an opportunity to increase support and awareness around the Poppy. "The Poppy is a very powerful symbol," she said, "lest we forget."

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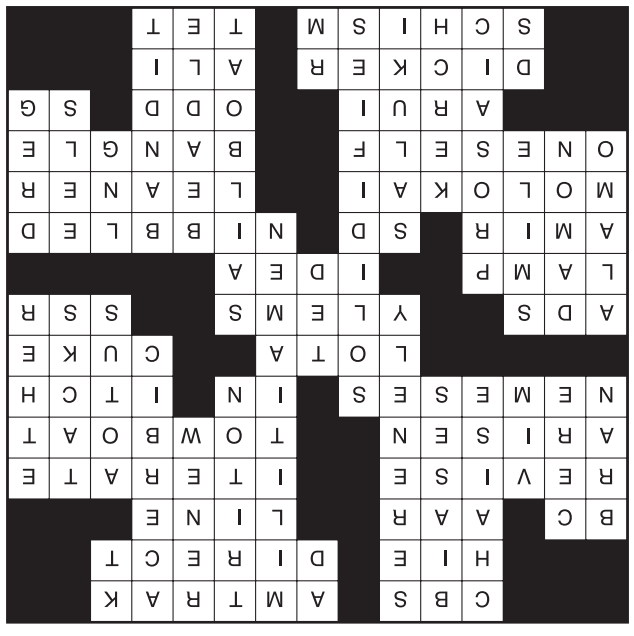

Respiratory ailments on par for the season, says Bocking

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

Respiratory illnesses are at typical seasonal levels in communities served by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Public Health Unit.

There's been increases in patients presenting respiratory ailments at emergency departments at a couple of units in the province's eastern portion.

But Dr. Natalie Bocking, the local unit's medical officer of health, told board members when they met Oct. 17 that infections in the HKPR area are at the level expected for a typical season.

"From the big picture or a provincial context, we're where we would be expected to be in a typical respiratory season," she said.

People living under the umbrella of the public health unit can get updated information on a number of recently launched health data dashboards.

The respiratory infections dashboard tracks infections of COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

The mental health dashboard illustrates mental health indicators from the latest Canadian Community Health Survey with local information about emergency department visits and hospitalizations related to mental health.

There is also a portal that is a repository for data on substance overdose related dangers in the district. That includes emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Bocking said the best approach to prevention is vaccination.

Flu shots became available early this month for the most vulnerable and high priority populations, including those hospitalized, health care workers, and residents in long-term care and retirement homes.

Free flu shots for the public aged six months and older will be available Oct. 28 at participating pharmacies and primary care teams.

Families with infants born this year and high-risk children up to 24 months old will now have access to the publicly funded new RSV immunization. Access to the RSV immunization can be made through their health care provider. Newborns born during the 2024/25 respiratory season, while at hospitals, will also be offered the vaccine.

The RSV prevention program expanded this fall to include all retirement home residents.

"Let's all continue to protect ourselves and our community by staying up to date on our vaccinations, which include influenza, COVID-19 and RSV," Bocking said. "Both COVID-19 and flu vaccines are available at local pharmacies and primary care teams. By doing so, we are ensuring our critical health care services are there for those who need them most."

The Health Unit will be providing the COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccine to eligible children six months to five years of age starting in November. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507.

While vaccinations prevent infection, there are ways people can stave off transmission.

Public health officials recommend skipping the holiday party if you're not feeling well and to stay home when you are sick. People should consider wearing a mask in crowded indoor spaces and when recovering from illness.

"If you are recovering from illness, wear a mask for 10 days after your symptoms started," Bocking said.

Wash your hands often and clean high-touch surfaces frequently. If you host or attend a holiday gathering, clean high-touch surfaces and encourage guests to wash their hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.

"Protect our health care services," she said. "Doing what you can to limit the spread of illness will help ensure our health care workers are available for those who need them most."

Dress Purple to show families that help is available, no one is alone

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS) is proud to join other children's aid societies and Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being agencies across the province, in partnership with government and community-based organizations for the Dress Purple Day campaign. The campaign raises awareness about the important role individuals play in supporting children, youth and families facing challenges. This year, Dress Purple Day takes place on Friday, Oct. 25.

On Dress Purple Day, KHCAS invites the community to wear purple to show their commitment to child welfare and spread the message that help is available to the children and youth in our communities. Wearing purple stresses the importance of community support in ensuring the safety and well-being of children and youth in our communities

Dress Purple Day offers an opportunity to raise awareness of the important role we all play in supporting vulnerable children, youth and families and that the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society works together with many community organizations to help children, youth, and families facing challenges." says Jennifer McLauchlan, Executive Director of the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society. "We are wearing purple today to show children, youth, and families that we care and are here to help."

The goals of Dress Purple Day for the KHCAS are:

- To highlight how the KHCAS works in partnership with local community-based organizations and service providers to support vulnerable children, youth and families

- To continue to work collectively with the Ontario government regarding the need to invest in social infrastructure so children, youth and families can access the right care, at the right time, close to home

- To raise awareness that every child and youth has a right to safety and well-being in all spaces and that the community plays a role in protecting those rights

- For KHCAS to strengthen relationships with local community-based organizations and service providers supporting children, youth and families

Join us Oct. 25 and Dress Purple to send a clear message to Ontario – strong, healthy communities matter. Use the hashtag #IDressPurpleBecause to share your support and help spread awareness (e.g., Instagram, Facebook and X).

For more information about Dress Purple Day and how you can get involved, please visit oacas.org/DressPurpleDay.

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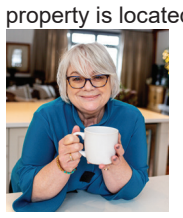

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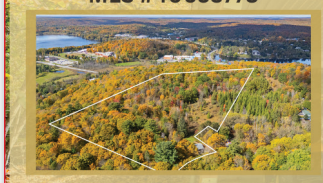

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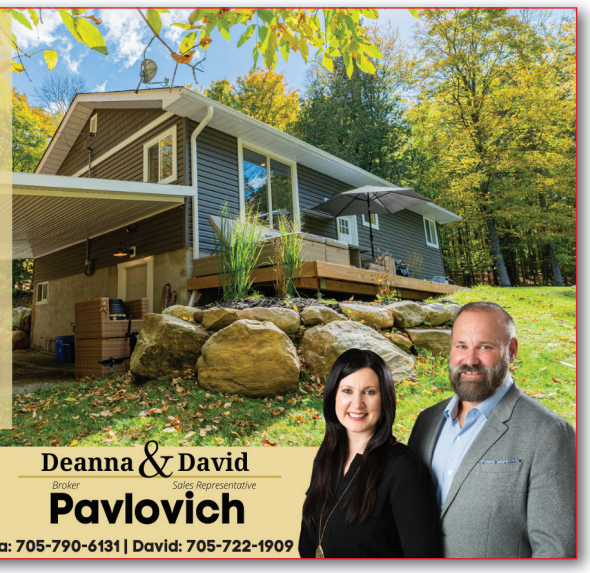

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Moving for Mabel

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Editor

While Mabel's birth came with complications, the team at Sick Kids saved her life. /Photo submitted

Mabel is nearly three years old, and has an infectious zest for life. For two years now, her mom, Chyna, has participated in the Toronto Waterfront Half marathon, to raise funds for Sick Kids, and all the care they gave to Mabel during her early days. /photo by Danielle Meredith

It was a 'normal' pregnancy. Full term. And aside from a little extra nausea, Chyna Williams shared that her pregnancy with Mabel was the easiest she had experienced.

In 2021, Chyna and her husband, Sam found out they were expecting a baby. A little girl, to add to their crew of two boys, Olly and Jude.

"I did all the things right," Chyna said, reflecting on her research she had put into her delivery. Birth meditations, hypno-therapy, online videos.

But nothing could have prepared the couple for Dec. 10; the day Mabel came into the world.

Right on track, Chyna went into labour. But that's when things started going awry. She suffered from a 15 inch uterine rupture, resulting in massive blood loss, and doctors losing Mabel's heartbeat. The whole experience was a blur to Chyna. "I remember pediatricians running, I remember someone screaming about a blood transfusion, while they were calling Code Pink."

A Code Pink is the hospital messaging for a cardiac arrest in patients less than 18 years old.

Mabel had experienced Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy, or HIE, upon birth, meaning that a lack of oxygen and blood flow had resulted in brain damage. "It can be mild, moderate, or severe, and Mabel was severe," recalled Chyna, her voice quivering with the memory.

Mabel was rushed to Sick Kids Hospital with Sam, while Chyna was airlifted to Mount Sinai to recover. At the time, they had been told the worst of the worst news; it was likely that Mabel would not survive. She had been experiencing seizures upon her arrival at Sick Kids, and the outcomes of her life expectancy were uncertain.

"They told me many times that she's probably not coming home," choked Chyna, through tears. "So the fact that she's sitting with me right now is pretty wild."

Nearly three years later, Mabel makes her presence known. Throughout the duration of the interview with Chyna, the little girl babbled, cooed, and giggled; her excitement about life palpable.

During those first few weeks in the world, Mabel stayed at Sick Kids hospital in Toronto. It was here that Chyna and Sam, through their own physical and emotional recovery, watched Mabel like a hawk. She was monitored for seizures, for cerebral palsy, for any sort of delays.

But against all odds; with a team of professionals in her corner, Mabel began to thrive.

After one month, Chyna and Sam were given the news they had been waiting for. "They [the doctors] had collectively decided that she had made a miraculous recovery," said Chyna, her voice lighter, and suddenly filled with optimism and hope.

Mabel continues to grow and thrive, and in October, 2022, she was diagnosed with autism. "We saw the signs early on," recalled Chyna, "we saw as early as eight months. But an autism diagnosis was not heartbreaking to us. Autistic people are just people."

Chyna and her family have continued to learn and advocate for those with autism, telling their story of miraculous Mabel as inspiration. She shared that raising a child with autism presents a bit of a learning curve, as "everything feels entirely new," but that as a whole, it's truly a blessing.

"If you're ever intimidated by socializing with someone with autism, just watch their siblings," Chyna said, noting that Mabel's two older brothers, Olly and Jude, are the lights in her life. "I don't even think Jude realizes she has autism," Chyna laughed. "To them, she's just Mabel."

As Mabel continued to make her mark in this world, Chyna began to feel the need to give back to the people who brought her into it.

"I needed to find a way to contribute, but I didn't know how," she said. "But with my past postpartum experience and history, one of my biggest puzzle pieces to working through that, was movement."

Chyna said that as soon as she was able, she carefully, gingerly, stepped back into the world of movement; through slow yoga, gentle stretching, and short walks.

By spring of 2023, she realized she needed a goal, and she figured out a way she could combine her love of movement, with her need to give back to Sick Kids and the medical community that saved Mabel: the Toronto Half Marathon, set for that October. "I signed up for the marathon at midnight," she said, "and that next morning, I ran for the first time."

After months of training, she finished the race. 23 minutes faster than her original goal.

"This race will always mean so much to me," she said in an Instagram post to raise awareness. "The start of the route takes me right past the doors of the hospital I was airlifted to after Mabel's birth. It takes me right overtop of the underground tunnel I was wheeled through countless times in order to see her. I run right by Sick Kids Hospital, where we learned she would in fact survive, and we would be taking her home to meet her family."

On Oct. 20, just this past weekend, she completed her second TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon. All while raising funds for Sick Kids. She had set out with a goal of raising $1000, and blew that goal out of the water.

Because it's never about the timing of the run, or the training. It's never about the running gear or the medals or the race bibs.

It's not even about Chyna and Sam.

It's always been about Mabel. The story of her beginning, of where she came from, of who she's becoming.

It's always been about Mabel, and the people who saved her life, who held her little hands, who believed in her journey.

It's always been about Mabel, the light she brings into the world, the joy she adds to her family, the love she carries in her heart.

It's always been about moving, for Mabel.

Colours of the rainbow

Visitors flocked to Sir Sam's Ski and Ride to check out the highly anticipated lookout tower on the property during their annual Fall Open House. The day included chair lift rides, food and beverages, and live music at the chalet. /TIM YANO staff photographer

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Policing costs rise through much of province

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

The cost of policing in Algonquin Highlands has increased significantly and, judging by other Ontario municipalities, the trend could be seen on bills for Dysart and Highlands East.

Algonquin Highlands received on Oct. 4 the OPP Municipal Policing 2025 Annual Billing Statement. The cost for police services for 2025 will be $1,118,726 which represents an increase of $210,536 or 21 per cent.

The anticipated increase for police services in 2025 for the township equates to about three per cent of the total 2024 tax levy.

Jean Hughes, that township's treasurer, urged council during the Oct. 17 meeting to keep that levy hit in mind when discussions start to ink next year's municipal capital and operating budgets.

"In past we've not necessarily had a specific report to the OPP policing because it's a cost that we just have to pay," she said. "But it was a significant increase this year.

For 2025, Algonquin Highlands is facing a large increase with a portion stemming from the 2023 final reconciliation which is $62,606. The adjustment accounts for the difference between the amount billed and the actual costs incurred in that year.

The most significant change for 2023 was between the actual versus estimated costs for overtime, contract enhancements, and court security.

In comparison to previous years, this is a substantial increase, Hughes said in a report to council.

Final reconciliation amounts brought forward in previous billing years have ranged from about $6,000 to about $12,000. The reconciliation is basically the municipality paying for service provided by the OPP above what the year's bill covered.

"So this $62,000 is very high in comparison," she said.

The remaining increase can be attributed to salaries and benefits which are increasing by 15 per cent. Operating costs are increasing by 13 per cent.

Per-property costs for base services, calls for service, estimated overtime, prisoner transportation, accommodation, and cleaning services will be $238.48 in 2025 compared to $206.18 in 2024.

That's an increase of $32.30 per property.

Municipal treasurers throughout Ontario reached out to their counterparts to share information for comparison purposes.

"There was lots of chatter with treasurers," Hughes said. "It seems the increases ranged from 16 per cent to 30 per cent throughout Ontario municipalities. So we're right in line.

"It's not just us, unfortunately. But it is a dictated cost. It's out of our control."

Three per cent of next year's budget could be eaten up by just the policing costs.

"I just need council to be aware," Hughes said.

"Prepare ourselves," Mayor Liz Danielsen said.

Along with treasurers, many mayors and county wardens have been lamenting the drastic increase in OPP contract costs.

"They (wardens' caucus) want a greater justification," Danielsen said. "I've also asked the county to dig through their files because we did a pretty substantial argument with the OPP and the province about the last major increase that we had."

It is hoped records from the last cost increase and its subsequent argument will bolster council's point of view this time around.

The provincial police force bills a municipality on a per household basis. But here's the dirty end of that stick for communities like Algonquin Highlands: many of its households are occupied only seasonally.

They're cottages.

"We're questioning how much services are actually required by those seasonal residents as opposed to permanent residents as far as calls for service go," Danielsen said.

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailloux vented her frustration.

"This is one of the numerous things that we see here, but especially at county, where we have absolutely no control over the budgeting process," she said. "We are just given the bill and are expected to pay it.

"We are doing our utmost to try to keep taxpayer costs down within our township and within our county. A lot of that is because we are trying to offset these increased bills that come from agencies that we have absolutely no control over. It's one of the more frustrating thing about being on municipal council."

Over 6,000 wildlife–related collisions

The Central Region of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to raise the public's awareness of the increasing risks of wildlife-related motor vehicle collisions in the upcoming months.

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2021 - 1,820, 2022 - 2,053, 2023 - 2,193

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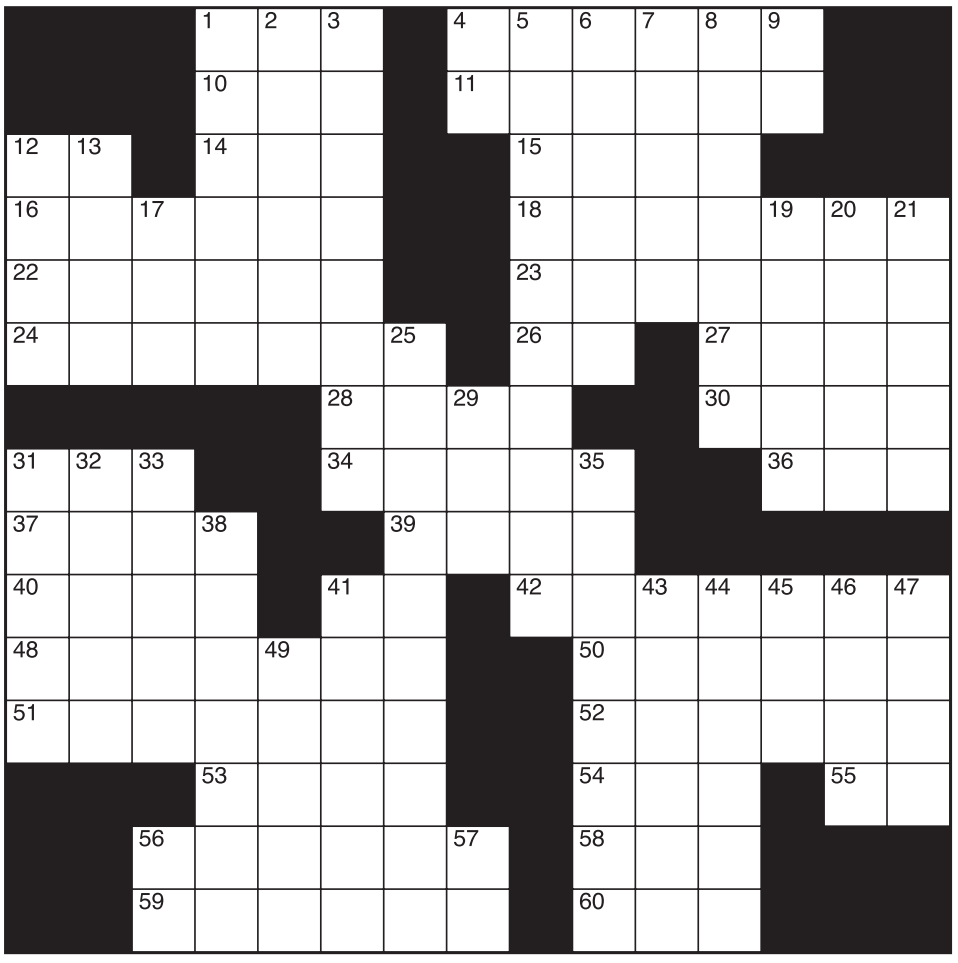

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10. Go quickly
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18. Utter repeatedly
22. In a way, turned up
23. Type of ship
24. Agents of one's downfall
26. Not out
27. Something to scratch
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30. Refreshing green fruit (slang)
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34. Primordial matters
36. One-time world power (abbr.)
37. Source of illumination
39. The content of cognition
40. An Arab ruler
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42. Gnawed at with teeth
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50. Smaller
51. Of a single person
52. Rigid bracelet
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54. Not even
55. Specific gravity
56. Engage in petty bargaining
58. Boxing's ÒGOATÓ
59. Split between parties
60. Notable offensive

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2. Skewed views
3. Peacefully
4. Commercial
5. Auxiliary forces
6. Large mollusk
7. Take out again
8. Sharp and forthright
9. Knight (chess)
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13. Flesh covering some birds' beaks
17. Energy
19. Night monkeys genus
20. Small, sharp nails
21. Pleasant-smelling liquid
25. Affirms one's hold
29. CNN's founder
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32. "Oppenheimer" actor Matt
33. Expression
35. Vessel
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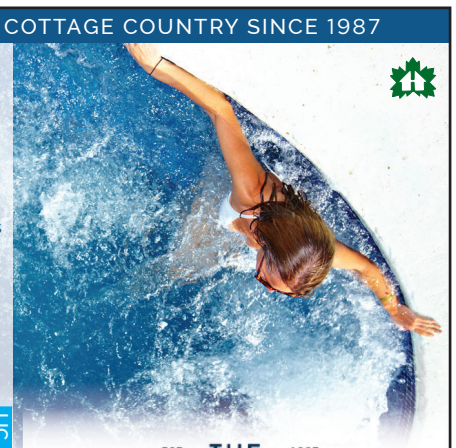

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No stopping

Red Hawks Varsity A player Laura Pottier breaks through the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary defence, rushing to the striking circle (the area where goals can be scored) during a home game on Tuesday, Oct. 7. Haliburton won their second game of the week 8-0 against the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans and remain unbeaten through four games. They have not allowed a goal this season and have scored 23 goals. Turn to story on page 25.

Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawk Lewis shoots for OFSAA

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Just earning a berth to the all-provincial final golf tournament is a personal victory for one Red Hawk with the perfect personality for success.

This Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) berth for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athlete Rob Lewis was something he was aiming for the entire year after failing to qualify last year, missing by three strokes in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) tournament.

"I just really wanted to get to OFSAA this year," said Lewis, adding he didn't look beyond the berth to COSSA before thinking about anything to do with OFSAA.

He constantly strives to improve, constantly working on things by going to the driving range he said.

This year not only did Lewis improve, but he shot a 75 for a second place in a field of 40 competitors at the COSSA tournament in Port Hope earlier this month to earn his berth with flair to the annual OFSAA tournament at the Barrie Country Club on Oct. 13 and 14. This tournament pits the best high school golfers against each other from all across Ontario.

His high school coach Paul Longo describes Lewis as the consummate gentleman.

"Rob is a wonderful person. He's very calm, quiet and reserved, but very funny," he said. "He's just a real pleasure to take anywhere as a student goes, but beneath all that is an incredible determination like he doesn't let anything phase him as far as bad shots."

Longo said he is amazed by what Lewis has accomplished.

"What's really incredible is for a Grade 10 student to be doing this," he said, adding the majority of the field at the upcoming tournament will be senior students.

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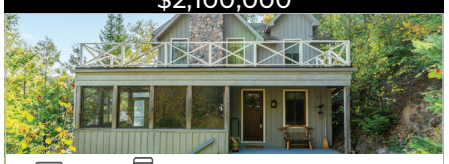

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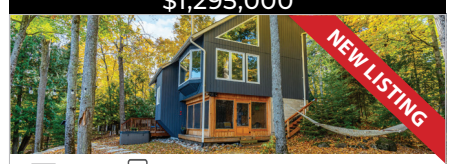

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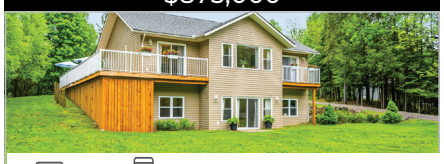

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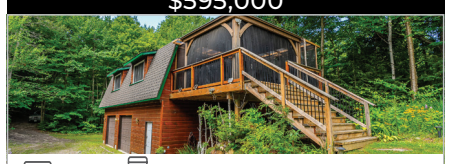

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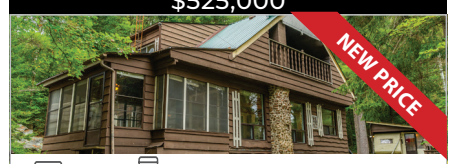

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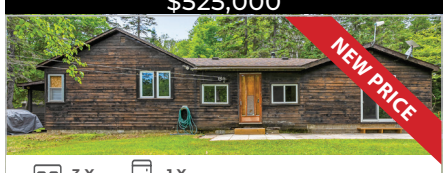

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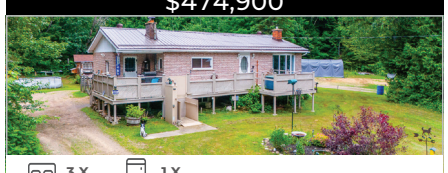

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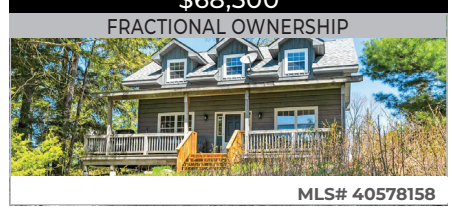

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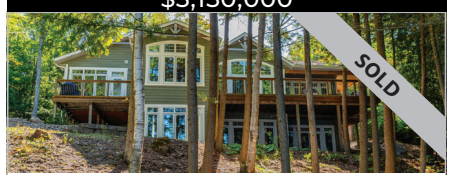

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- **Bethel Road** — MLS 40607822 — $191,000 — 24.65 Acres
- **Redstone Lake** — MLS 40641882 — $499,000 — 18.4 Acres
- **Wenona Lake Road** — MLS 40616395 — $109,000 — 0.42 Acres

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